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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 6007

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN , TERENCE A.)
SUBJECT: VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

REF: STATE 308366

1. WE WELCOME NEWS OF YOUR VISIT. CONTROL OFFICER WILL
BE DCM EARL LUBENSKY WHO LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN.

2. HOLIDAY HIATUS HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CHECK
SUITABILITY OF PROPOSED TIMING THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.
AT SOCIAL AFFAIR LAST EVENING, HOWEVER, PRESIDENT, VICE
PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALL PROFESSED TO SEE NO
PROBLEM. VICE PRESIDENT ASTACIO ASKED ME TO REMIND YOU
THAT HE INVITED YOU TO VISIT EL SALVADOR AND IS GLAD YOU
ARE NOW ABLE TO COME. (ONE PROBABLE COMPLICATION AS TO
OVERALL TIMING COULD BE THE NOW EMERGING PROSPECT OF A
CENTRAL AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING IN LATE JANUARY.)

3. OF CONTACTS SUGGESTED PARA 5 REFTTEL, ARCHBISHOP
ROMERO, ANEP, AND AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAVE
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ALL EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT TENTATIVE PROSPECT OF MEETING
WITH YOU.

4. GIVEN BREVITY OF YOUR 24-HOUR STAY, WE SUGGEST
FOLLOWING AS LIST OF MEETINGS WHICH MIGHT MOST USEFULLY
BE SCHEDULED (YOUR MODIFICATION WILL BE WELCOME):

A. PRESIDENT ROMERO

B. VICE PRESIDENT ASTACIO

C. FOREIGN MINISTER MARTINEZ

D. ARCHBISHOP ROMERO

E. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT LEADERS

F. ANEP

G. AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (POSSIBLY AS
GUEST SPEAKER AT CHAMBER'S MONTHLY LUNCHEON OR DINNER)

H. FRENTE FEMININO SLAVADORENO (IN VIEW OF YOUR
WIDELY PUBLICIZED EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE)

I. AMERICAN EMBASSY SENIOR STAFF

5. SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION WOULD MOST LOGICALLY INCLUDE:

A. US-EL SALVADOR RELATIONS

B. THE INTERACTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, TERRORISM AND
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS
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C. ELECTORAL PROCESS AND PROSPECTS IN EL
SALVADOR

D. MILITARY RELATIONS

E. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

F. THE EL SALVADOR-HONDURAS BORDER DISPUTE

G. CHURCH-STATE RELATIONSHIP

6. PRESS COVERAGE OF YOUR VISIT WILL BE HEAVY. WE
RECOMMEND OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXACT DATES AND
ACTIVITIES BE DELAYED AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. SPANISH
TEXTS OF SUGGESTED ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS
PLUS A'S AND A'S FOR PRESS ENCOUNTERS WILL BE
SUPPLIED BY JANUARY 5, WITH RELATIVELY INFORMAL
PRESS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDED FOR TIME OF DEPARTURE.
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